

The [Kentucky Youth and Children's listserv](#) covers youth services news, programming, and continuing education. To join, email [krista.king-oaks@ky.gov](mailto:krista.king-oaks@ky.gov) and ask to be added.

### Upcoming Webinars with KDLA

#### **CASEL in the SAND(box): Using Social and Emotional Learning to Begin, Enhance, or Defend your Teen Services Program**

Register: <https://kdla.wufoo.com/forms/smcth6h0i11nkp/>

- Wednesday, February 6
- 1 p.m. EST/12 p.m. CST
- Presenter: Blayne Borden, Youth Services Librarian, Lexington Public Library
- Self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills and responsible-decision making are vital skills every teen needs to navigate the adult world. This webinar focuses on how to design teen programming that supports the social and emotional learning skills as identified by the Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning (CASEL) and supported by YALSA's new teen services competencies.

### Summer Reading Updates

#### **Collaborative Summer Library Program December 2018 Newsletter**

<https://us13.campaign-archive.com/?u=043a7515ceb3ad45bdd2dd405&id=0513293711>

#### **KDLA Archived Webinar Now Available – Summer Reading in Rural Libraries**

<https://kdla.ky.gov/librarians/staffdevelopment/kdlaarchivedwebinars/Pages/Summer-Reading.aspx>

### Kentucky News

#### **Hometown Hero: Monica Edwards, Warren Co. Public Library**

Congratulations to Monica Edwards for the fantastic feature on a local Bowling Green news station, commemorating her time spent with WCPL. The Community Outreach Manager at the Warren County Public Library is transitioning into a new role as the Director of the Monroe County Public Library. Watch the story here:

<https://www.wbko.com/content/news/HOMETOWN-HERO-Monica-Edwards-Warren-Co-Public-Library-504813261.html>

#### **KDE's 2019 Summer Food Service Program seeking sponsors**

Sponsors are being sought for the 2019 Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). While sponsors are being accepted in all counties, there is a particular need for sponsors in Adair, Caldwell, Carlisle, Edmonson, Green, McCreary, Muhlenberg, Rowan, Todd and Trigg counties. For more details, see the news feature in [Kentucky Teacher](#):

For more information about KDLA & KDE's Summer Food Partnership - which has recently been identified by CSLP as a best practice - visit our website:

<https://kdla.ky.gov/librarians/programs/summerreading/Pages/Kentucky-Summer-Food-Service-Collaboration.aspx>

**Free Workshop sponsored by NKU: School-Library Partnerships, March 7, Newport**

Steely Library's After School Specials provide professional development workshops on a diverse range of topics to area P-12 educators in the northern Kentucky and greater Cincinnati area. Join guest speakers KDLA Youth Services Consultant, Krista King-Oaks, and Kenton County Public Library Children's Programmer, Lauren Brandstetter, at the Newport Branch of the Campbell County Public Library as they share tips and hands on activities to reignite your partnerships:

*Learn how your local public library is transforming beyond books into a dynamic, 21<sup>st</sup> century learning hub, providing events and materials that enable families to assist their children in becoming curious, engaged, and successful students - the majority of which are free! Brainstorm opportunities for innovative partnerships to support early childhood education, college and career readiness, and out-of-school time. Get a jump start on plans to promote the upcoming summer library program and get to know more about the Collaborative Summer Library Program, whose 2019 theme will celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the moon landing and more! Also have a hands-on opportunity to explore and play with popular S.T.E.A.M. kits used for successful after school programming from the Kenton County Public Library.*

To register, visit: <https://sites.google.com/nku.edu/p-12educators/home>

**New KDLA Resources****New Teen Book Discussion Kits**

These kits are now available at KDLA. To reserve these kits, use the Kit Request Form at <http://kdla.ky.gov/librarians/askalibrarian/Pages/KitRequest.aspx>. Please have alternate titles and/or dates in case what you request is unavailable.

**Rebound by Kwame Alexander**

In the summer of 1988, twelve-year-old Chuck Bell is sent to stay with his grandparents, where he discovers jazz and basketball and learns more about his family's past. For grades 6-8

**Refugee by Alan Gratz**

Although separated by decades, three young people embark on harrowing journeys in search of refuge. They are Josef, a Jewish boy living in 1930s Nazi Germany; Isabel, a Cuban girl trying to escape the riots in 1994; and Mahmoud, a Syrian boy whose homeland is torn apart in 2015. For grades 6-8

**The Sun is Also a Star by Nicola Yoon**

Two teens--Daniel, the son of Korean shopkeepers, and Natasha, whose family is here illegally from Jamaica--cross paths in New York City on an eventful day in their lives--Daniel is on his way to an interview with a Yale alum, Natasha is meeting with a lawyer to try and prevent her family's deportation to Jamaica--and fall in love. For grades 7+

**Have questions?** Contact KDLA by emailing "Ask a Librarian" at <http://kdla.ky.gov/librarians/askalibrarian/Pages/InformationRequest.aspx>.

**ALA News**

**2019 Youth Media Award Winner** via [I Love Libraries](#)

*\*Check out SLJ's "All Things YMAS" hub: <https://www.slj.com/?page=2019YouthMediaAwards>*

### Library Tools & Trends

**Community Mapping** via [JBrary](#)

**Guiding Children with Questions** via [NAEYC](#)

**Children's Librarians are Experts at ...School Readiness** via [ALSC Blog](#)

**Instruments in Storytime** via [the ALSC Blog](#)

**Storytime Basics** via [5 Minute Librarian](#)

### Training Spotlight

#### **Free On Demand Webinar with PLA: Computational Thinking & Early Literacy**

How do we prepare young children to be able to communicate and express themselves in any medium? What are the key critical thinking skills that young children need in order to understand, navigate, and create material in all formats?

Computational thinking is a problem-solving process often associated with computer science, programming, and coding. However, the universal ideas behind computational thinking—decomposition, pattern recognition, and abstraction and algorithmic design—are concepts most children's librarians and early childhood educators know. By exploring the relationship between early literacy and computational thinking skills, library staff can challenge themselves to think differently about the ways their work supports the whole child.

This on-demand webinar explores components of computational thinking, what it looks like in early childhood, and how library staff use developmentally appropriate activities to support whole-child development. Young children can become successful problem-solvers, creative thinkers, and lifelong learners at the library.

To view the webinar and further resources, visit:

<http://www.ala.org/pla/education/onlinelearning/webinars/ondemand/sideways>

#### **Wild Wisconsin Winter Web Conference**

Slides and recordings are now available from this free online January conference. The Wild Wisconsin Winter Web Conference is a state-wide virtual conference developed by the Nicolet Federated Library System and supported by 15 other library systems in Wisconsin.

<http://www.wildwiscwinterweb.com/recordings--slides3.html>

### Important Dates/State & National Conferences

**World Read Aloud Day: Friday, February 1**

**Take Your Child to the Library Day: Saturday, February 2**

**Kentucky Public Library Association Spring Conference: March 27-29, Marriott Griffin Gate, Lexington**

**American Library Association Annual Conference: June 20-25, Washington D.C.**

**Kentucky Association of School Librarians Summer Refresher: July 15 & 16**

**Collaborative Summer Library Program Conference: September 16-20, Indianapolis**  
**Kentucky Library Association Fall Conference: October 15 & 16, Bowling Green**  
**YALSA Symposium: November 1-3, Memphis**

**Just for Fun**

**Girl's wild frozen hair shows the power of the polar vortex via [Mashable](#)**